



**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FINAL DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE
May 12, 2006**

State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Name of Proposal: MILLTOWN RESTORATION PROJECT

Description of Proposal: The purpose of this project is to restore natural hydrologic and biological function to the portions of the island that have been isolated by the existing levy system. The interior of Milltown Island has been disconnected from tidal and riverine influences and the area supports fewer tidal channels than are seen in undiked tidal marshes in nearby areas of the Skagit delta. The proposal calls for: 1) the deconstruction of 1320ft of earthen levy from Milltown Island, and 2) the establishment of 1380ft of channel to promote addition water passage into the interior of Milltown Island. (Attached Biological Assessment)

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Milltown Island, Conway,
Washington, County; Section 30, Township 33 North, Range 04 EastWM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date of issue below. Comments must be submitted by: **May 11, 2006**

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